

- (b) *Myris* Hahn, 1834 (an obvious spelling error for *Miris* Fabricius, 1794);
- (c) *Miris* Spinola, 1837 (a junior homonym of *Miris* Fabricius, 1794);
- (4) to place the following specific names on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
 - (a) *dolabratus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Cimex dolabratus* (type-species of *Miris* Fabricius, 1794);
 - (b) *virens* Linnaeus, 1767, as published in the binomen *Cimex virens* (type-species of *Stenodema* Laporte, [1833]);
 - (c) *striatus* Linnaeus, 1758, as published in the binomen *Cimex striatus* (type-species of *Pycnopterna* Fieber, 1858);
 - (d) *macrocera* etc. . . .;
- (5) to place the following family-group names on the Official List of Family-Group Names in Zoology:
 - (a) MIRIDAE (correction of MIRIDES) Hahn, [1833] (type-genus *Miris* Fabricius, 1794);
 - (b) the name adopted for MIRINI Ashmead, 1900;
- (6) to place the following family-group names on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Family-Group Names in Zoology:
 - (a) MIRIDES Hahn, [1833] (an incorrect original spelling for MIRIDAE Hahn, [1833]), and all subsequent incorrect spelling variants of family-group names based on the generic name *Miris* Fabricius, 1794;
 - (b) MIRIDAE Dohrn, 1859 (derived from the rejected and invalid type-generic name *Miris* Spinola, 1837, nec Fabricius, 1794), and all subsequent spelling variants of this name;
 - (c) MYRIDINA Berg, 1879 (erroneous spelling for MIRINAE Dohrn, 1859);
 - (d) MININAE Cockerell, 1893 (obvious printing error for MIRINAE Dohrn, 1859);
 - (e) MIRINI Ashmead, 1900 etc. . . .;
 - (f) MIRIDAE China, 1943 (derived from the rejected and invalid type-generic name *Miris* Latreille, 1810, nec Fabricius, 1794), and all subsequent spelling variants of this name.

COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED PRESERVATION OF *SARDINA*
PILCHARDUS AS THE NAME FOR THE EUROPEAN SARDINE.

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Any problems concerning names of well known and practically important fishes deserve particular attention and must be carefully considered. Wheeler's action for preserving *Sardina pilchardus* (Walbaum, 1792) as the name for the European sardine, is to be supported. *Arengus minor* Cornide, 1788, does not appear as a serious threat to *S. pilchardus*; on the other hand, that name was so rarely employed for our sardine, that no upset of nomenclature is to be feared. In his book Cornide quoted each species with several words and it seems really evident that he did not apply the principles of binominal nomenclature.

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My attention has been drawn to the submission recently made by Dr. Alwyne Wheeler of the British Museum of Natural History, for the preservation of the name *Sardina pilchardus* (Walbaum, 1792) for the European sardine or pilchard.

On behalf of my colleagues and myself, as fishery scientists, may I say how pleased we are to see this submission, and request that our support for it might be recorded. I believe indeed that this submission will have the support of many fishery scientists (as was instanced by a recent recommendation of the International Council for the